

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 6/19/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson 781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a transfer from the Sheriff's Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Account in the amount of \$26,800 for K-9 protective vests and Coroner's Office equipment and approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff-Coroner.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve a transfer from the Sheriff's Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Account in the amount of \$26,800 to be used for K-9 protective vests and Coroner's Office equipment. 2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner. A four-fifths (4/5ths) vote of the Board is required for both items.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Asset Forfeiture Funds	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$26,800.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1112148 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson
781-4540

DATE: 6/19/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve a transfer from the Sheriff's Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Account in the amount of \$26,800 for K-9 protective vests and Coroner's Office equipment and approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff-Coroner.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve a transfer from the Sheriff's Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Account in the amount of \$26,800 to be used for K-9 protective vests and Coroner's Office equipment.
2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in Fund Center 136 – Sheriff Coroner.

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DISCUSSION

The Asset Forfeiture Program began in 1984 with the passage of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act. This Act has become a very powerful tool for targeting criminals, who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain, including drug dealers and white collar criminals. One of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share the proceeds of federal forfeitures with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program not only serves to deter crime, but also provides valuable supplemental resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. Permissible uses of the funds provided by the program include law enforcement equipment, drug and gang education and awareness programs and the expenses from the purchase, lease, construction and expansion of law enforcement or detention facilities.

It is not permissible to use funds from the program to pay for the salaries and benefits of current, permanent enforcement personnel, or for education related costs, food and beverage, or for any use that creates the appearance that shared funds are being used for political or personal uses.

Based on those guidelines for permissible use, the following items will be purchased with Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds:

1. \$4,500 for K-9 Protective Vests - The Sheriff's Office recently added three additional K-9's for patrol. The K-9's are used for the protection of the Deputies, detection of narcotics, searching for missing people and suspects. During searching for suspects the dogs are exposed to the same type of dangers Deputies are exposed to. In order to afford the same protection and to protect this valuable asset, the Sheriff intends to purchase bullet proof vests for the K-9's. These vests will not be worn by the K-9's during normal operation but during high risk situations.

2. \$22,300 for Equipment for the new Coroner's Office - The Sheriff's Office is in the process of completing renovations to a building to house the Deputy Coroners and autopsy facility. The Sheriff's Office has never had its own facility. Currently the Sheriff's Office leases space from a local mortuary. The use of a mortuary is no longer safe, efficient and in the best interest of the public. Opening this new facility requires certain items of specialized equipment that the Sheriff's Office does not currently own. This specialized equipment will be used for the determination of cause and manner of death.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

This request has been coordinated with the County Auditor Controller's Office.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Item Description	Amount per item	Total
(3) K-9 Protective Vests; Ballistic vest with stab protection	\$4,500	\$4,500
Coroner's Office:		
(10) Stainless steel trays	\$6,390	
Hydraulic Body Lift	3,975	
Body Lift Straps	795	
Roll Pad	1,015	
Stainless Steel Scrub Station	1,708	
Autopsy Table Bases	2,398	
(2) Surgical Lights	4,715	
Custom Install	1,304	
Total Coroner's Office Equipment		\$22,300
Total		\$26,800

RESULTS

The purchases outlined above will enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office which contributes to the County's community-wide goals of a Safe Community: "The County will strive to create a community where all people-adults and children alike-have a sense of security and well-being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."